

Vice and Virtue Assignment 1



Canute (right) pictured in an illuminated manuscript.

- This week we will be going over the virtue of humility—a wonderful beginning to our study of vices and virtues. It is in fact the first step in becoming a disciple of Christ. Jesus said to his disciples that if one is to enter the kingdom of heaven, he must become as a little child. This means, in other words, that we need to humble ourselves to have a right relationship with God. You will be reading a poem by Christina Rossetti this week that uses the imagery of falling at the feet of Christ. Only when we do that, the poet writes, can we see God clearly and know him. Are you humble enough to realize that you need God’s grace to go to heaven and to live well on this earth?
- Poetry memorization: memorize Stanza 1 of Christina Rossetti’s four-stanza poem “Consider,” found in the appendix of your reader.
- Complete Lesson 1 in your study guide and write your reading answers (multiple choice questions) on a separate piece of loose leaf paper. Read and complete all of the study guide material. Each week student will be assigned a vice and virtue exercise indicated by a small arrow (>) under the section “Vice and Virtue” of their study guide. Do NOT complete the writing assignment unless it is specifically assigned. This week students are to finish the writing assignment that they began in class (Writing Assignment 2).
- Complete Poetry and Poetics 1 of your Grammar and Poetics workbook.
- The picture on the assignment page is of a coin with the impression of the Danish king Canute (also spelled *Cnut*).

Long-Term Assignments

- Every quarter students will select a book from the list of books found in the appendix of their study guide and read it by the end of the first quarter. The book report information is provided with the list of books. The first book report will be due on the **fourth week of October**.